

REMARKS

Amendments to claims 26-28 are for the purpose of clarifying what Applicant regards as the invention, and have also been amended to correct claim dependencies. No new matter has been added.

In response to the election/restriction requirement mailed January 26, 2005, Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute Group I - Claims 1-7, 15-21 and 26-28. Because new claim 29 recites similar limitations as those of claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 29, and its dependent claims 30-35 also belong to Group I, and requests examination of these claims. Non-elected claims 8-14 and 22-25 have been canceled without prejudice to pursue these claims in a divisional or other related application(s).

CONCLUSION

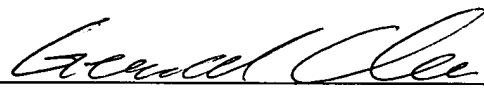
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